

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I remember when I was running for public office several years ago, I was contacted by several news people. and wanting to know what some of my priorities might be. And at that point in time, and certainly my philosophy has not changed, it was to maintain a limit or lid on government spending. I open the bill and the first thing that strikes my eyes is \$116,000. Now how many more times in this session will we be seeing these kinds of fiscal notes? How many times this session have we seen these kinds of fiscal notes? Where, ladies and gentlemen, are we going to begin to draw the line? In my opinion this legislation is unneeded. It's unnecessary, unworkable, and simply the reason why I am going to oppose this bill is because of the fiscal impact. I have not had anyone breaking down my door complaining, crying because they haven't been able to gain employment. I haven't had anyone in my district complaining because they've been discriminated against. I think current law already provides them with, and affords them with that opportunity to seek employment, and to see that any laws relative to what we're talking about in this bill are not violated. So ladies and gentlemen, in the best interests of the people of this state I think we're going to have to start to draw the line on our spending and I think this is the place to start.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well Mr. Speaker, and just a clarification for the senators that are concerned about spending, and so is Senator Keyes...the bill as it is written requires a hundred and sixteen and some odd thousand dollars. If we take the University out and do what Senator Johnson has said, we have an A bill...we have two A bills. We have one for a hundred and sixteen thousand and some odd dollars. We have one for fifty-eight thousand and some odd dollars. Now we accept the amendments of Senator Johnson and then we've cut the bill in half. The Governor of the State of Nebraska says he'd like to have this. He'd like to have an Affirmative Action Committee. We can go today and we can vote it down, or we can carry it. It's fifty-eight thousand dollars as the Governor wants it, as Senator Vard Johnson has offered the amendments, and I am going to suggest that you go ahead and do so. I'm going to support the Governor on this bill, not out of anything except that I do believe that across this State of Nebraska in some jobs, and in some interviews and some things that we can use an Affirmative Action Committee that